currently ranging from US $ 26.50 (ex- CIS)—US $ 15 (ex-Middle East) per metric tonne. Thus the landed cost of imported urea comes to between US $ 152.50 (ex-Middle East)—US $ 164.50 (ex-CIS) per metric tonne. At the current exchange rate of nearly Rs. 45.60 per US $, the C and F cost of imported area in the region of Rs. 6,954—Rs. 7,501 per metric tonne. Against this, the weighted average retention price of gas based urea units is Rs. 6,270 per metric tonne and that of naphtha based units is Rs. 11,837 per metric tonne.

Rate of secondary freight of urea

†3415. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review the rate of secondary freight of urea; and

(b) if so, by when, a decision in this regard will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The revision of secondary freight is linked to the comprehensive 7th Pricing Policy review for urea, for which proposal is made. The implementation of the new rates will be based on the approval given by the Government.

Urea Manufacturing by Private/Public Units

3416. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the average energy consumed, in million kilo calories, per tonne of urea manufactured by units of both the private and public sector units and that went on stream since 1985;

(b) the average energy consumed, in million kilo calories, per tonne of urea manufactured by the units that went on stream before 1985; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to encourage the pre-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.